Early depots in Greenwood County, as shown on a timetable effective January 1, 1871, listed the station name and distances from Columbia and Greenville.

Distance from Columbia	Station Name		Distance from Greenville
72¼	Brick House	(1)	71¼
74¼	Ninety Six		68¼
79½	79 Mile T.O.	(2)(6)	64
82¼	New Market		61¼
85¼	Greenwood		58¼
89½	89 Mile T.O.	(3)(6)	54
94½	Cokesbury	(4)	49
99½	Barmore	(5)	44

Notes:
(1) Name later changed to Godsey
(2) Not shown on later timetables, but believed to be a stop near Mt. Lebanon Church
(3) Name later changed to Cothran
(4) Name later changed to Hodges
(5) Name later changed to Shoals Junction
(6) T.O. is abbreviation for turn out--a passing track.

An even earlier passenger train timetable (1856) shows a station at the junction of the main line and the branch to Abbeville as Abbeville Branch. Apparently, it was renamed Cokesbury and finally Hodges. But, in the May 9, 1851, issue of the Abbeville Banner, the Greenville & Columbia Railroad advertised for sealed proposals for building depots at Ninety Six, Greenwood, and Cokesbury--the name "Abbeville Branch" was not mentioned. Also, South Carolina historian, E. Don Herd, Jr., indicated in his aforementioned publication that the original station at that site was known as Cokesbury Junction. The ad specified that the buildings would be 40 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 16 feet from top of sill to top of wall plate.

Many of these early plain, rectangular-shaped depots were eventually replaced by more attractive and functional structures. By 1880, for example, Hodges had a handsome new station. After standing vacant for several years, the building was purchased in 1975 by Gerald Jackson, who moved it to a different location and opened it as a tavern named, appropriately enough, Jackson Station. Although several depots in Greenwood County are shown in public timetables of the period, only five were permanent-type structures--Ninety Six, New Market, Greenwood, Hodges, and Shoals Junction. The others Dyson, Godsey, Cothran, etc., were no more than open sheds.

The station at Dyson had not been established by the date of the preceding timetable. It was named for Jeff Dyson who settled on the west bank of the Saluda River sometime before the Greenville & Columbia Railroad came. In Greenwood County Sketches is an interesting story telling of the conditions under which Dyson gave the railroad title to the property it needed: